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1. RE ACUPULCO COUNCIL MEETING, FOR WHICH SEC GEN LONATI ESTIMATES HE WILL CIRCULATE DOCUMENTATION APPROXIMATELY MARCH 15 WITH GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO SENDING INFO RE HOTELS, TRANSPORTATION, ETC. TO COUNCIL MEMBER STATES DIRECTLY, LONATI HAS INFORMED EMBOFF HE HAS RECEIVED WORD THAT USSR WISHES TO PROPOSE CREATION OF A SECOND DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL POSITION. USSR HAS A CANDIDATE, A SOVIET OFFICIAL WHO USED TO BE ON UN SEC GEN STAFF BUT IS NOW IN MOSCOW WITH MINISTRY OF TOURISM. RUSSIANS HAVE ALREADY APPROACHED SEVERAL MEMBERS OF WTO COUNCIL AND ALSO OTHER NON-COUNCIL MEMBERS. POLISH DELEGATION IS TO INTRODUCE THIS PROPOSAL AT ACAPLUO MEETING.

2. LONATI SAID HIS REACTION TO THIS INFORMATION WAS "NO COMMENT" WITH COUNCIL HAVING DECIDE. NO FUNDS FOR THIS NEW POSITION ARE IN WTO BUDGET, HOWEVER LONATI POINTED OUT.

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3. LONATI, WHO INDICATED HE WOULD PASS THIS INFO ONLY

TO ANOTHER WESTERN EUROPEAN DELEGATION ON THE COUNCIL, SAID HE DID NOT WANT THE US DELEGATION AT THE COUNCIL MEETING SURPRISED IF THIS PROPOSAL IS ACTUALLY ADVANCED AT ACAPULCO.

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